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The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 2/12/09 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice or Allowance mailed on 1/5/09. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement has been considered by the examiner. A signed copy of the IDS will be mailed to Applicant.

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